

FISCAL NOTE

SB 125 - HB 597

February 27, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes, but does not require, criminal background checks on any paid or volunteer fire protection personnel and any applicant for employment as such.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenues – Less than \$100,000/Permissive

Increase State Expenditures – Less than \$100,000/Permissive

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Less than \$100,000/Permissive

Increase Local Govt. Revenues – Less than \$100,000/Permissive

Assumptions:

- Fire Departments that choose to conduct criminal background checks will only conduct them on applicants for employment.
- There are approximately 23,000 paid and volunteer firefighters in the State with an approximate turnover of 20% annually.
- Approximately 50% of fire departments will conduct background checks.
- Local governments will pay the TBI for the background checks and will be reimbursed by the applicants.
- A request for a background check may be submitted manually or electronically.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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